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SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MALLOUM

1. DAVID SHEAR, DIRECTOR AFR/SFWA, AND I SAW PRESIDENT MALLOUM ON FEBRUARY 8. AFTER INITIAL INTRODUCTION, PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR OUR PAST ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, BUT WENT ON TO REPEAT HIS OFTEN-STATES OPINION OF THE INADEQUACIES OF OUR PRESENT APPROACH. HE MADE THE POINT THAT CHAD WAS IN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT POSITION THAN THE REST OF THE SAHELIAN STATES AND NEEDED SPECIAL ATTENTION. IN THIS CONTEXT HE PARTICULARLY STRESSED LACK OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. IN GENERAL, HE STATED THAT OUR ASSISTANCE EFFORTSWERE TOO SMALL AND DISPERSED, WERE NOT DIRECTED AT PRIORITY AREAS, AND WERE NOT WELL-COORDINATED WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. IN AN EXCELLENT RESPONSE, SHEAR SAID HE HAD REVIEWED OUR PROGRAMS IN CHAD AND FOUND HIMSELF IN AGREEMENT WITH MANY OF THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICISMS. HE STATED WE HAD PROBABLY ARRIVED AT THE PRESENT POINT BECAUSE OF VARIOUS PROGRAM AND LEGISLATIVE LIMITATIONS UNDER WHICH WE HAD BEEN WORKING. HE WENT ON TO STRESS THAT THE PENDING LEGISLATION FOR SAHELIAN RELIEF AND THE ACTIVITY OF THE CLUB DES AMIS SHOULD RECTIFY THIS SITUATION. HE

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PARTICULARLY MENTIONED THAT IN THE FUTURE WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIT CHAD IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT HAD FORMERLY BEEN OUT OF BOUNDS AND THAT IN THIS REGARD WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE SELECTED SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COSTS. HE ADDED THAT WE DESIRED TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS IN CHAD GIVING PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THE PRESIDENT SEEMED PLEASED WITH RESPONSE AND SAID HE

WAS LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT INTEREST TO THE RESHAPING OF OUR PROGRAM.

3. WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT TO PRESIDENT THAT WE WOULD SHORTLY BE PRESENTING A PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR OUR BILATERAL FOOD PROGRAM OF 13,000 MTS OF CEREAL WHICH CONTAINED NEW PROVISIONS MAKING IT MORE LIBERAL AND FLEXIBLE. WE SINCERELY HOPED THESE PROVISIONS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ASSIST CHAD IN PUTTING THE GRAIN IN PLACE BEFORE THE RAINY SEASON, THEREBY OBVIATING ANY NEED TO CONSIDER THE USE OF AIRPLANES.

4. DURING DAY SHEAR MET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT. HE WAS GIVEN DINNER IN THE EVENING BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE N'GABA. ENTIRE VISIT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND ASSUMING WE CAN CARRY THROUGH, WE SHOULD BE A LONG WAYS ALONG THE ROAD TO HAMMERING OUT A MUCH MORE PROFITABLE ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHAD. BRADFORD

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